

Miguel Yndo House  
Floresville, Texas.

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MIGUEL YNDO HOUSE  
Floresville, Wilson County, Texas.

Owner: Miguel Yndo

Date of Erection: 1855

Architect: Don M. Yndo

Builder: Don M. Yndo

Present Condition: Bad

Number of Stories: One

Materials of Construction: Part adobe and part stone, all plastered.  
Original roof thatched.

Other Existing Records: "San Antonio de Bejar" by William Corner.

Additional Data:

The first house built was washed away, and in 1855 the present house was built by Don M. Yndo. It has six rooms and three open fireplaces, the one in the kitchen built up above floor level for cooking purposes. The original thatched roof is gone; roof now galvanized iron.

The floors now of wood were originally of "Chipichil" a primitive form of concrete used in those days, which much resembles an unpolished terrazzo floor.

Where the plaster has fallen away from portions of the rear elevation, a very unusual type of construction can clearly be seen. The process consists of placing heavy rough timbers, usually cypress or oak, spaced from three to six inches apart in a horizontal position by notching them into uprights made of the same material. The space between the timbers is then filled up with soft adobe "mud", which also forms a smooth plaster finish. The walls are usually 12" to 24" thick.

Another type of construction exists in the east wall of the house, which is simply "twine rock" half together and plastered over with the adobe "mud".

This information was secured from Mrs. S.G. Garrett, San Antonio, Texas.

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